

Southwest Georgia Workforce Development
Board Meeting Summary
Thursday June 8, 2023 at 6: p.m.
WorkSource Southwest Georgia

Members Present

Gabriel Lord- Chair, Dr. John Marria, Cory Thomas, Charlie Sol, Nathaniel Cooper, Donna Williams, Buddie Jordan, Cathy Johnson, Charlene Brinson, Dennis Brinson, Brenda Arnold, Jayme Smith, Susanne Reynolds, Ronald O'Meara, Tim Faircloth and Rob Collins.

16 Members Present- A quorum was DECLARED.

Staff Present

Melody Pierce- Executive Director, Jerry Chapman- Regional Planner, Amanda Godwin- Operations Manager, Rebecca O'Neil- Programs Manager, Gerlissa Edmonds- Programs Assistant and Pascha Spence- Office Manager

Guest Present

Lynn Hamilton- Equus Workforce, Paul Workman- TCSG, David Rutler- Equus Workforce, Shirley Ingram- One Stop Operator, Jim McShane- TWA, Courtney Proctor- Ga Life Link

- Welcome and Invocation
- Approval to amend the current agenda by adding Tommie Beth Willis as the Colquitt County Recommendation to serve on WDB term ending 6/30/2026(Item 16 b i) (**APPROVED- J. Marria/ R. Collins**)
- Approval of Minutes from March 21, 2023 (**APPROVED- C. Thomas/ J. Marria**)
- Approval of March 2023 Quarterly Financial Statements (**APPROVED- B. Arnold/ C. Sol**)
- Approval of FY 2023 Budget Revision 3 **CORY THOMAS STATED CONFLICT AND ABSTAINED FROM DISCUSSION and VOTING (APPROVED- C. Sol/ J. Marria)**
- Approval of PY 2023/FY 2024 Operating Budget (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024) **CORY THOMAS STATED CONFLICT AND ABSTAINED FROM DISCUSSION and VOTING (APPROVED- C. Johnson, R. O'Meara)**
- Approval of PY 2022 One-Stop Reconciliation Quarter 3 Ending March 31, 2023 (**APPROVED- J. Marria/ C. Sol**)
- Approval of PY 2023 One-Stop Memorandum of Understanding **TABELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**
- Approval of PY 2023 One-Stop Operator Services Contract Renewal and Funding Recommendation- Arbor E&T, LLC dba Equus Workforce Solutions (**APPROVED- B. Arnold/ C. Johnson**)
- Approval of PY 2023 Adult and Dislocated Worker Career Services Contract Renewal and Funding Recommendation – Arbor E&T, LLC dba Equus Workforce Solutions Authority to Negotiate and execute a contract renewal with Arbor E&T, LLC dba EQUUS Workforce Solutions a twelve-month PY 23 contract beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 within the funding limits to include adult, dislocated worker, QUEST (dislocated worker) and rapid response funding; and Negotiate funding limit amounts up to \$ 635,000 for contractual operating costs and pass-through participant program services costs to be negotiated up to \$ 585,000 to include participant costs of ITA (individual training account) costs, supportive services, on-the-job training, customized training, incumbent worker training and work experience/transitional jobs training programs; and Note in the resulting contract that, this PY 23 contract renewal is the final year of contracting under the

current solicitation.

(APPROVED- C. Sol/ J. Marria)

- Approval of PY 2023 Youth Contract Renewals and Funding Recommendations and authority to Negotiate and execute twelve-month PY 23 contracts beginning June 15, 2023 through June 30, 2024 within the funding limits, slot limits recommended (see the attached); and Negotiate programmatic activities and performance outcomes in keeping with the Youth performance goals and expectations of the WDB; and Note in each resulting contract that second, third- and fourth-year contract extensions are possible, based on performance, organizational strategies and/or funding availability. **(APPROVED- C. Johnson/ C. Brinson)**

Provider	Counties To Be Served	Minimum Youth Slots [In School]	Minimum Youth Slots [Out-of- School]	Funds Not To Exceed (12 months)
Arbor E&T, LLC dba EQUUS Workforce Solutions	Baker, Decatur, Grady, Miller, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas		70	\$210,000
Dougherty County School System	Dougherty	45		\$100,000
Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc.	Calhoun, Colquitt, Dougherty, Early, Lee, Mitchell, Worth		135	\$405,000
Totals		45	205	\$ 715,000

- Approval of WIOA Fiscal and Programmatic Monitoring Services RFQ – Review of Proposals for Taylor, Hall, Miller, Parker, P.A and Berry Dunn, McNeil & Parker LLC and PY23 Recommendation of Funding for Taylor, Hall, Miller, Parker, P.A **(APPROVED-J. Marria/ C. Sol)**
- Approval of Board Policy Revision **(APPROVED- J. Marria/ D. Williams)**
 - a. Proposed Revision WDB Policy 14- Procurement
- Approval of Review of Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training Programs-Recommended PY23 Regional Participant Enrollment Maximum **(APPROVED- C. Sol/ C. Johnson)**
- Review of Eligible Training Provider Program Local Performance Reviews
- Review of Board Membership Compliance
 - a. Nominating Committee Report and Action Items
 - Members included: Nathaniel Cooper, Chairman, Cathy Johnson, Charlene Brinson
 - i. June 2023 WDB Election of Officers
 - 1. Gabriel Lord as Chairman **(APPROVED- C. Thomas/ B. Arnold)**
 - 2. LaTonja Dotson as Vice-Chairman **(APPROVED- B. Arnold/ R. O’Meara)**
 - 3. John Marria as Secretary **(APPROVED- R. O’Meara/ B. Arnold)**
 - b. Board Member New Appointments
 - i. Tommie Beth Willis, Colquitt County **(APPROVED- J. Marria/ R. O’Meara)**
 - c. WDB Board Composition & Attendance Review
- Operations Update
 - a. One-Stop Operator Center Update
 - i. DW Outreach Efforts
 - ii. Community Empowerment Summit, Jimmie C. Harpe Community Center, Arlington – June 14, 2023
 - iii. Transition of GDOL Wagner-Peyser to Technical College System of Georgia – Status Update

- b. TWA Sector Strategy Update
- c. Sector Strategies Healthcare Grant Update
 - i. Health Care Summit
 - ii. Submission of Grant Application for PY23 Funding
- d. New Quest National Dislocated Worker Grant Funding Award \$195,000
- e. WIOA Performance Update
- f. Taylor, Hall, Miller, Parker, P. A. Independent Monitoring Review Results April 2023
- g. Southeastern Training Association (SETA) Spring Conference, Orange Beach, AL – September 17-20, 2023

Next Meeting will be September 7, 2023- Unless otherwise noted.

Adjourn